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On Thursday March 21, 2013, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will close the eastbound outside lane on the Main Street Bridge over I-35. This 1-day lane closure will allow the contractor to repair the potholes developing in the bridge deck. Traffic will be restored to this lane of Main Street after 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21.

This closure will not affect the ramps on the south side of the Main Street Interchange. The ramps on the north side of the Interchange will remain closed. The recommended detour routes for the ramps on the north side of the Main Street Interchange will remain as currently signed:

- Northbound I-35 to Main Street
Westbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Lindsey Street and use 36th Avenue SW to Main Street.
- Southbound I-35 to Main Street
Westbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Robinson Street and use 36th Avenue NW to Main Street.
Eastbound Main Street: Exit I-35 at Robinson Street and use 24^h Avenue NW to Main Street.
- Westbound Main Street to I-35
Southbound I-35: Use 24th Avenue SW to Lindsey Street to access I-35.
Northbound I-35: Use 24th Avenue NW to Robinson Street to access I-35.
- Eastbound Main Street to I-35
Northbound I-35: Use 36th Avenue NW to Robinson Street to access I-35.

Construction on the I-35/Main Street Interchange Project began on Monday, January 7, 2013. This is a \$30 million construction project awarded to a joint venture of Allen Contracting and Manhattan Road and Bridge of Oklahoma City. The project has an estimated completion date of March 2014. The construction contract allows the contractor to earn early completion incentive pay at \$15,000 a day with a maximum of 100 days. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is administering the construction of this project.

The project involves the following construction elements:

- Replace the existing Main Street Bridge and interchange with a Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI). The SPUI will include longer on and off ramps at I-35 and a wider Main Street Bridge. The SPUI will allow large volumes of traffic to negotiate the area using a single set of traffic lights mounted at the center of the bridge. This is the second SPUI interchange in the State of Oklahoma; the first SPUI was constructed at I-40 and Morgan Road in 2012.
- Widen I-35, one half mile north and south of Main Street, from four to six lanes
- Widen Main Street over I-35 from four lanes to six lanes

Additional questions may be directed to Mr. John Clink, Capital Projects Manager, City of Norman, Department of Public Works, at 366-5424.